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CSL DISTRICT 4 MEET

Côte St. Luc Councillor Steven Erdelyi is holding a special district meeting at Le Waldorf Residence (7400 Côte St. Luc Road) for residents of District 4, the city announced. Residents will be able to ask questions about local and city-wide issues. "Erdelyi will answer questions and brief residents on what's new in Côte St. Luc and District 4 and give an insider's point of view on Public Works along with the department director Patrick Raggo," says the announcement.

"This is the fifth District 4 meeting I have organized," said Erdelyi, who is in charge of the Public Works and Engineering portfolios on council. "Based on comments and feedback at the last meeting, the city made improvements to parks, signage, and added traffic calming measures. If you have a suggestion for how to improve your neighbourhood, this is a great way to share it and make a difference."

OIL PAINTING EXHIBIT AT CSL LIBRARY

Côte St. Luc also announced that the Eleanor London Library is presenting a "series of large-scale abstract oil paintings by Mirana Zuger entitled Bloodhorse until Aug. 12, in the library's art gallery." According to the announcement, "material considerations play an important role in Mirana Zuger's works, for example tennis table paint chalkboard and natural glues all serve to dictate the final look of each piece. A prolific young artist, Zuger has developed a personal style within the field of abstract art. She continues to evolve from the most minimal to

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Thousands rally to cheer the city's annual Canada Day parade

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Thousands of people stood along the sidewalks as the city's annual Canada Day parade made its way through Montreal's downtown. It was Canada's 145th birthday and everybody loved the parade.

While the crowd wasn't as thick as it would be for the city's epic St. Patrick's Day parade, they didn't hold back as the Canadian Legion's Honor Guard raised the nation's flag and began to march down Ste. Catherine Street. Sadly, it was a different story on the parade's reviewing stand. Not one of the NDP's newly minted Montreal MPs showed up and that included NDP leader and Outremont MP Thomas Mulcair. To their credit, at least two of the city's federal politicians made a point of showing their Canadian colors on the reviewing stand. Liberal MP Justin Trudeau and Westmount's Marc Garneau joined the Point's



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(Pointe St. Charles) venerable Margaret Healey on the reviewing stand after which the afternoon turned out to be an extensive meet and greet session as hundreds of people were only too happy to share a few words and have their picture taken with the two politicians.

While city executive committee members Alan DeSousa and Mary Deros took the time to celebrate Canada Day with the rest of

the crowd, the rest of Montreal's political leadership, including all of Richard Bergeron's Projet Montréal, decided they had better things to do than to meet and greet the people they work for. To be fair, pressing personal reasons kept both the mayor and Verdun's Alain Tassé away from the city's Canada Day festivities, but Sunday's parade once again proved how most of the city's political class disappointed.

As ever, the parade was a big success in spite of political disappointments. There were plenty of original floats and several of Montreal's cultural and ethnic communities were well represented as men and women in their national costumes proudly carried Canada's flag along with their own national flag. Only two days short of her 94 birthday, World War II veteran Dorothy Pearkes wore all of her medals as she took the Montreal Pathfinders' salute in her wheelchair as they marched past the reviewing stand. While barred from marching in the city's annual St. Patrick's Day parade because the Chinese government sent parade organizers a letter in which they objected to their presence in the city's annual St. Patrick's Day festivities, the Canada Day parade's organizers did allow the Falun Dafa's marching band to don their costumes and play for the thousands who turned up for last Sunday's big parade. ■



The Suburban looks back at 50 years in our community

The Suburban quickly spread its wings across Montreal

By Joel Goldenberg
The Suburban

Today's Suburban is a prominent presence throughout the island of Montreal - today, we distribute 145,000 copies to Côte St. Luc, Hampstead, Montreal West, St. Laurent, Côte des Neiges-NDG, Westmount, Town of Mount Royal, LaSalle, Verdun, throughout the West Island, the east end and even downtown.

We have reporters who diligently cover the local happenings all over - council meetings, speeches of interest to the community at various venues, meetings of residents who are interested and want to advocate for a particular cause and events that involve giving back to the community. We are in as many places as possible.

But The Suburban, when it began in 1963, was much more modest. Founder Sophie Wollock launched it in her Côte St. Luc home, and for the first few issues, that municipality was pretty much where it was distributed. But Sophie had



greater ambitions than that, and she knew an expansion was necessary.

The first issue of the paper was published March 1, 1963, and just under two months later, we expanded to neighbouring Montreal West.

"For the past few weeks, we have made gradual inroads, a few streets at a time, with the distribution of our paper," proclaimed a front page advisory in the April 26, 1963 issue. "Starting this week, every street in Montreal West will be covered."

And for the next three years, we expanded to Snowdon, NDG and much of

the City of Laval - with separate editions for different parts of the community.

(As a youngster living in Chomedey in the 1970s, I have clear memories of coming home from school and picking up the paper, which was in our duplex mailbox.)

And on Oct. 27, 1966, we had good news for St. Laurent residents.

"The first... St. Laurent issue has been mailed to some 6,000 homes in western St. Laurent, and it is our pleasure to extend to them a warm welcome into the ever growing family of Suburban readers," we proudly announced Westmount, TMR and the West Island would come later.

In the 2000s, we expanded into the east end and LaSalle and Verdun to provide those populations with local English-language media, and today's paper has three unique editions - City, West Island and East End. And we are, as always, on the ground and fanned out providing the necessary coverage for our readers. ■